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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Masaki Katoh et al.

Application No.: 10/620,692

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Art Unit: 2655

For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING  
MEDIUM, WITH AT LEAST ONE  
INCONSECUTIVE PART, AND  
RECORDING APPARATUS

Examiner: Gautam R. Patel

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004 (Paper No. 20040828), Applicants submit that the pending claims of the present application are claims 10-18 and not claims 1-9. Applicants note that claims 1-9 have been canceled and claims 10-18 have been added in a First Preliminary Amendment filed on July 17, 2003 concurrently with the filing of the present application. Copies of the as-filed First Preliminary Amendment and of the return postcard indicating the July 17, 2003 filing date are attached.


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Examination and allowance of claims 10-18 are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

There are no amendments to the specification.  
☒ Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

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## CLAIMS

☐ There are no amendments to the claims.

☒ A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.